

All events scheduled to take place at the Hilton Downtown Austin, Texas

Wednesday | January 14, 2015

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. REGISTRATION 4th Floor | Pre-Function

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. OPENING RECEPTION 6th Floor | Austin Grand Ballroom

Thursday | January 15, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION 4th Floor | Pre-Function

7:00 a.m. COFFEE AND NETWORKING 6th Floor | Pre-Function

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. OPENING BREAKFAST 6th Floor | Austin Grand Ballroom

Road Hand Award
Russell Perry Award

GENERAL SESSION I

The State of Transportation in Texas

Ted Houghton, Chair, Texas Transportation Commission

John A. Barton, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation

The Transformation of Texas: 1950 to 2050

Lloyd Potter, Ph.D., State Demographer, State of Texas

Highway Trust Fund: Boom to Bust!

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, U.S. Congressman, Oregon

Outlook for the 84th Texas Legislative Session

The Honorable Robert Nichols, State Senator, Texas

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Next 100 Years

George Friedman, Ph.D., Author/Futurist, Chairman, Stratfor

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH 6th Floor | Austin Grand Ballroom

Governor Rick Perry Leadership in Transportation Award

KEYNOTE INTERVIEW

Elon Musk, CEO and Chief Product Officer, Tesla Motors Evan Smith, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune

1:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. GENERAL SESSION II

4th Floor | Governors Ballroom

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TechDOT: Innovation as an Agent for Transportation Transformation

Moderator:

Darran Anderson, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer,

Texas Department of Transportation

Panelists:

Ray Almgren, V.P. of Marketing, National Instruments

Paige Fitzgerald, Waze Manager, Google

Rob Spillar, P.E., Director of Transportation, City of Austin

Boomers to Millennials...Oh Mv!

Barbara Gannon, Ph.D., Psychologist and Principal, GannonConsult



Caution or Chaos: Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

Moderator:

Todd Humphreys, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, The University of Texas at Austin

Panelists:

Jason Cardwell, Director of Sales, AT&T

John Maddox, P.E., Director, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

Mark Worman, Manager, Personal & Commercial Lines Form Filing Program,

Texas Department of Insurance

3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. NETWORKING BREAK

4th Floor | Pre-Function

3:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION II

4th Floor | Governors Ballroom

Texas Energy Sector: Fueling the Future of America!

Moderator:

Jennifer Hiller, Staff Writer, San Antonio Express News

Panelists:

Mark Berg, Executive Vice-President, Pioneer Natural Resources

The Honorable Byron Dorgan, Senior Fellow, Bi-Partisan Policy Center

John Esparza, President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas Trucking Association

The Honorable Todd Staples, President, Texas Oil & Gas Association

High Speed Rail: Can it be a Game Changer for the Lone Star State?

Moderator:

Bill Meadows, Chairman, Commission for High-Speed Rail, Dallas/Ft. Worth Region

Panelists:

The Honorable Robert Eckels, President, Texas Central Railway

P. Michael Reininger, President and Chief Development Officer, All Aboard Florida

Dan Richard, Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Russell Zapalac, P.E., Chief Planning/Project, Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

NETWORKING RECEPTION HOSTED BY HNTB

6th Floor

Friday | January 16, 2015

7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION 4th Floor | Pre-Function

7:30 a.m. COFFEE AND NETWORKING 6th Floor | Pre-Function

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. KEYNOTE BREAKFAST 6th Floor | Austin Grand Ballroom

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Glenn Hegar, Comptroller, State of Texas

"20 Years: Driving Texas' Transportation Initiatives"

Ted Houghton, Chair, Texas Transportation Commission - 12 years of service

Fred Underwood, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission - 8 years of service

Program is subject to change without notice.





Ray Almgren, V.P. of Marketing, National Instruments

Ray Almgren, Vice President of Marketing, leads teams responsible for marketing the corporate brand, NI LabVIEW, and educational products.

Since joining NI in 1987, Almgren has held positions across marketing and R&D focusing on growing the use and adoption of LabVIEW, the heart of the NI design platform.

Almgren evangelizes the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education as chairman of the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) in Texas board and member of the National FIRST Executive Advisory Board. Almgren is also a member of engineering advisory boards including The University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University, and Tufts University.

Almgren holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.



Darran Anderson, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

Darran Anderson serves as Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer.

Anderson's duties include leadership and strategic direction for the innovation and continuous improvement of people, processes and technology of the agency. He is a Project Management Professional, a former consultant for a large business and a program manager for a small business, as well as a retired U.S. Army officer.

Anderson has 26 years' experience in leadership, staff operations, training, tests, experimentation, and modeling and simulation. He served as an Artillery officer both at Fort Bliss and Fort Hood, and participated in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, among other assignments. In his specialty of modeling and simulations, he has overseen simulation-driven tests, experiments, exercises and unit mission rehearsals; coordinated architecture and systems development; initiated the innovative design and development of several training systems; and managed programs, strategic policies and resources for the construction of Mission Training Complexes across the Army, and their related manning, equipping and sustainment. He most recently worked at the U.S. Army Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, Modeling and Simulations Division where he supported program management and strategic planning and engagement across DoD.

Anderson is a native Texan and earned a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin.



Jeff Austin III, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Jeff Austin III is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commis-

sioner by Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 20, 2011.

Austin is vice chairman of Austin Bank and Texas NA. He is a board member of First State Bank in Athens, and of Capital Bank in Houston, and a past president of First State Bank in Frankston. He is a board member and past chair of the Texas Bankers Association, a member of the American Bankers Association Government Relations Committee and the Bank CEO Network, an executive committee member and past director of the Texas Lyceum, and a board member and a past president and scoutmaster of the East Texas Area Council of Boy Scouts.

He was the presiding officer of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority, and board chair of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past board member of the Bob Bullock History Museum, the Tyler Economic Development Corporation, the Better Business Bureau of East Texas, the University of Texas Tyler Business School Advisory Board, the University of Texas Tyler Health Center Development Board, and the Trinity Mother Frances Hospital Foundation.

Austin received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Tyler, and is a graduate of the Southern Methodist University Southwestern Graduate and Intermediate Schools of Banking, and the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. Austin has two daughters and resides in Tyler.



John Barton, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation

John Barton is the Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In this role he provides executive

control and oversight of all TxDOT operations and the management and operation of the state's transportation system. These responsibilities include the development and administration of policies, programs and operating strategies for TxDOT. He is charged with ensuring Texas' transportation system is constructed and maintained in the most cost-effective manner



and address the state's growing safety, mobility and reliability needs.

Barton graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1986.



Mark Berg, Executive Vice-President, Pioneer Natural Resources

Mr. Berg was elected the Company's Executive Vice President, Corporate in May 2014, and prior to that, he served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel since April

2005. Before joining the Company, Mr. Berg served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of American General Corporation, a Fortune 200 diversified financial services company, from 1997 through 2002. Subsequent to the sale of American General to American International Group, Inc., Mr. Berg joined Hanover Compressor Company as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. He served in that capacity from May 2002 through April 2004.

Mr. Berg began his career in 1983 with the Houston-based law firm of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. He was a partner with the firm from 1990 through 1997. Mr. Berg graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University in 1980. He earned his Juris Doctorate with honors from The University of Texas Law School in 1983.



The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, U.S. Congressman, Oregon

A lifelong resident of Portland, Oregon, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-3) has devoted his entire career to public service.

While still a student at Lewis and Clark College, he spearheaded the effort to lower the voting age both in Oregon and at the national level. He was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1972, where he served three terms and Chaired the House Education and Revenue Committee in 1977-78. In 1978, he was elected to the Multnomah County Commission, where he served for eight years before being elected to the Portland City Council in 1986. There, his 10-year tenure as the Commissioner of Public Works demonstrated his leadership on the innovative accomplishments in transportation, planning, environmental programs and public participation that have helped Portland earn an international reputation as one of America's most livable cities.

Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1996, Mr. Blumenauer has created a unique role as Congress' chief

spokesperson for Livable Communities: places where people are safe, healthy and economically secure. From 1996 to 2007, he served on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he was a strong advocate for federal policies that address transportation alternatives, provide housing choices, support sustainable economies and improve the environment. He was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee from 2001 to 2007, and vice-chair of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming from 2007 to 2010.

He is currently a member of the Budget Committee and Ways and Means Committee and the subcommittees on Health and Trade.

Congressman Blumenauer's academic training includes undergraduate and law degrees from Lewis and Clark College in Portland.



Jason Cardwell, Director of Sales, AT&T

Jason Cardwell, Director of Sales, AT&T His responsibilities include leading company-owned retail stores and distribution planning in Austin, Corpus Christi, and surrounding areas. As a 23-year employee of AT&T in the

wireless industry, Jason has extensive knowledge and experience in consumer and business sales, marketing and operations. Jason also serves as advisory board director here in Austin for Back on My Feet, a national non-profit focused on helping those experiencing homelessness achieve self-sufficiency. Jason was born and raised in Austin and is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology.



The Honorable Byron Dorgan, Senior Fellow, Bi-Partisan Policy Center

U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan served as a Congressman and Senator for North Dakota for 30 years before retiring from the U.S. Senate in 2011. He served in the

Senate Leadership for 16 years. He was Chairman of Senate Committees and Subcommittees on the issues of Energy, Aviation, Appropriations, Water Policy and Indian Affairs.

Senator Dorgan is active in his post Senate life teaching, speaking, consulting, writing and much more. He is a recognized leader in the policy areas of energy, economy and tax, aviation and transportation, trade, and Native American issues.

Senator Dorgan is a Visiting Professor at Georgetown University. He works part time as a Senior Policy Advisor with



the Washington DC Law Firm Arent Fox. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington DC think tank, focusing primarily on energy issues.

The Senator is the author of four books. The first, a New York Times Bestseller book "Take this Job and Ship It," and a second book, "Reckless... How Debt, Deregulation and Dark Money Nearly Bankrupted America." He also co-authored two novels "Blowout" and "Gridlock."

Senator Dorgan has a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of North Dakota, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Denver.



The Honorable Robert Eckels, President, Texas Central Railway

Judge Robert Eckels' legal practice is built on a decades-long career in public service and leadership of the nation's third largest county. Robert is recognized as a national leader in

issues of transportation, public finance/public private partnerships, homeland security, the environment and health care.

He was the founding chairman of the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation, a coalition of local governments, educational institutions and the private sector working to bring high speed rail to Texas. Robert left that organization in December of 2010 to accept a position as President of Lone Star High Speed Rail, LLC; a private enterprise seeking to build a high speed rail system linking the major metropolitan areas of Texas with true high speed rail service.

As County Judge of Harris County, he served as chair of the Harris County Toll Road Authority, a 500 lane mile toll road system that is the only county owned toll road system in the nation. He built partnerships with Houston METRO for the Westpark Toll Road which exceeded demand projections within weeks of completion and the Texas Department of Transportation with the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes Project which allowed years to be taken off the freeway construction schedule. With TxDOT and local jurisdictions, he built the Houston Transtar Transportation and Emergency Operations Center into a global model of interagency partnerships for transportation operations and sustained training and planning for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.

Judge Eckels received international recognition when Harris County responded to Hurricane Katrina and the floods, wind and storm surge that led to massive destruction and loss of life in New Orleans and the US Gulf Coast from Louisiana to Alabama. The Harris County Astrodome and Reliant Park

became the largest shelter operation in US history as over 250,000 residents of storm ravaged areas fled to the Houston region.

Judge Eckels, who was first elected as a state representative in his 20's, served six terms before being elected county judge - a role with executive, legislative and judicial functions for Harris County, which is home to nearly 4 million residents.



John D. Esparza, President and CEO Texas Trucking Association

John D. Esparza, a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock and a sixth generation West Texas native, serves as president and CEO of Texas Trucking Association (TXTA) and

Executive Director of Southwest Movers Association (SMA). TXTA, one of the largest trucking associations in the nation, was established in 1932 in Austin, while SMA got its start in 1917.

Prior to becoming TXTA president, Esparza served as senior advisor for Community Affairs to Texas Governor Rick Perry, focusing on political, policy and legislative issues.

Esparza currently serves on the Texas Tech University Board of Regents, appointed by Governor Rick Perry in February 2013. He is also a member of the National Board of Directors for the Texas Tech University College of Media and Communications.



Paige Fitzgerald, Waze Manager, Google

Paige Fitzgerald is the Manager of the Waze Connected Citizens Program, which connects cities and citizens to outsmart traffic together. The program launched in October 2014 in New York with 10 inaugural partners and has since

expanded to over 20 participating DOTs and international municipalities. Before joining the Waze team at Google, Paige earned a joint MBA and Masters in Public Policy from Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School. During graduate school Paige spent time both consulting with McKinsey & Company and growing a start-up social enterprise in New Delhi, India. Prior to graduate school, Paige spent six years working in the public sector in Washington, D.C., most recently helping to develop the US' international nuclear policy as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Energy.





George Friedman, Ph.D., Author/ Futurist, Chairman, Stratfor

George Friedman is the Chairman of Stratfor, a company he founded in 1996 that has become a leader in the field of global intelligence and geopolitical forecasting.

Dr. Friedman is the author of the best-selling books, "The Next Decade" and "The Next 100 Years," with his prescient predictions of the decline of the European Union and the rising tension between Russia and the West and their struggle over Ukraine and the borderland countries. Dr. Friedman's other books on warfare and intelligence include, "America's Secret War," "The Future of War" and "The Intelligence Edge." His next book, "Flashpoints: The Emerging Crisis in Europe" will be published in January 2015.

A very popular keynote speaker for his insights into the changing global scene, Dr. Friedman is in high demand at numerous conferences and industry-specific events in the United States and around the world.

Dr. Friedman received his Bachelor's degree from the City College of the City University of New York and holds a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University.



Dr. Barbara K. Gannon, Principal GannonConsult

Dr. Barbara Gannon, Principal of GannonConsult, is a leadership consultant and clinical psychologist with practical experience across the transportation sector.

She is highly respected for her dedication to the development of senior, mid-level, and emerging transportation professionals across the surface transportation sector and has trained over 1,500 transit, highway, and tolling professionals over the last 25 years. Currently, GannonConsult partners with Texas DOT and TTI to deliver the Texas Transit Leadership Initiative to train and support current and future Texas transit professionals. In addition, Dr. Gannon has directed national and regional courses for transit and highway leaders, including the IBTTA Leadership Academy. GannonConsult is currently developing a cross-modal professional development course for mid-level transportation professionals.

Dr. Gannon began her career in transit as an operations manager and general manager in Pennsylvania. She is a licensed clinical psychologist, having served as a Clinical Instructor in Psychology at the Harvard Medical School and as a staff psychologist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She served as Executive Vice President of the Eno Transportation Foundation from 2010 – 2012, where she developed their Center for Transportation Leadership. In 2014 the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials honored Dr. Gannon as a recipient of their Women Who Move The Nation award.

GannonConsult is a nimble consultancy that helps executives calibrate their strengths with the rigorous demands of their work. In addition to the development of individual transportation leaders, GannonConsult is called upon to facilitate difficult conversations and board retreats, and to provide focused consultation for strategic planning and capital construction project partnering sessions.



Jennifer Hiller, Staff Writer, San Antonio Express News

Jennifer Hiller writes about the oil boom and its impact on communities for the San Antonio Express-News. She has worked at several newspapers across Texas, as well as

at the Honolulu Advertiser and Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Jennifer has won several state and national journalism awards and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she received a degree in journalism.



Ted Houghton, Chair, Texas Transportation Commission

Ted Houghton is chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Houghton chair on Oct. 7, 2011. He was originally appointed to the commission in December 2003 and reappointed in February 2009.

A native of El Paso, Houghton is self-employed in the professional fields of financial services, executive benefits, and estate planning. He is the first resident of El Paso to serve on the commission.

Houghton has served on the School Land Board. He also served for eight years on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board. For El Paso's Rapid Transit Board, he served as vice president, chair of the public relations and communications committee, and treasurer of the political action committee. He also served on the board of directors of the El Paso Electric Company and as president of the Sun Bowl Association. He was a member of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Committee.



Ted is married to Hettie Cardon Houghton and they have five children, Jennifer Houghton Lindsay, Cinco, John, Michael and Chris Houghton.



Todd Humphreys, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Humphreys specializes in the application of optimal estimation techniques to problems

in satellite navigation, orbital and attitude dynamics, and signal processing. He directs the Radionavigation Laboratory at UT-Austin, where software-defined GPS receivers are developed as a platform for GPS technology innovation and study of the ionosphere and neutral atmosphere. His recent focus has been on defending against intentional GPS spoofing and jamming. In 2008 he co-founded Coherent Navigation, a startup that hardens GPS by, among other things, exploiting telephony signals from the Iridium satellite constellation. Dr. Humphreys joined the faculty of the Cockrell School of Engineering in Fall 2009.



Bob Kaufman, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

Mr. Kaufman is responsible for many internal and external communication functions for the agency, including Communications, Public

Involvement, Travel Information, Public Strategies, Media Relations, Travel Services, Creative Services, Internal Communications, Travel Information Centers and Travel Publications.

Before joining TxDOT in 2012, Kaufman worked on Dell's corporate communications team, including leading Dell's corporate responsibility communications. Previously he supported Dell's global consumer business, managing public relations for North America and leading the global reviews team. Kaufman has also managed PR programs for Dell services and executive communications.

Prior to Dell, Kaufman was Director of Public Information for the Railroad Commission of Texas and led communications and media strategy for the state agency that regulates oil and gas production.

He was also a Washington, D.C.-based producer for "CBS This Morning" managing CBS's busiest assignment desk, and was a television producer and reporter in and around the Washington, D.C. area.



John Maddox, P.E., Director, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute

John Maddox serves as the Assistant Director for the Mobility Transformation Center (MTC) at the University of Michigan, and as the

Director of Collaborative Program Strategy at UMTRI.

For the MTC, Maddox is responsible for strategizing and implementing MTC's efforts on external affairs including government relations and stakeholder engagement, as well as overall program strategy. Maddox also leads MTC's efforts, along with MDOT, on the Southeast Michigan Initial Deployment; a deployment of nearly 20,000 connected vehicles and hundreds of miles of connected technology infrastructure on corridors across southeast Michigan.

As the Director of Collaborative efforts at the UMTRI, Maddox is responsible for identifying and coordinating research collaboration opportunities with federal and state governments, industry, and other academic organizations to tackle significant problems in transportation safety, the environment, and mobility that can be addressed best through collaborative research.

Mr. Maddox has an extensive background at the U.S. Department of Transportation and in the auto industry. From December 2008 to August 2012, Mr. Maddox served as the Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety Research at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). He spearheaded all of NHTSA's research efforts, including Connected Vehicles, Automated Vehicles, Cybersecurity, Distraction, and others.

Before working at NHTSA, Mr. Maddox spent over five years with Volkswagen Group North America as Safety Compliance Officer, and fourteen years with Ford Motor Company as a senior research engineer and had multiple international assignments in product development, engineering design, and automotive safety.



Bill Meadows, Chairman, Commission for High-Speed Rail, Dallas/Ft. Worth Region

Ably combining a career in the insurance and finance industries with extensive public service, Bill Meadows has been actively involved in business, political and public realms and civic

endeavors throughout his life. His accomplishments generally and specifically have improved the overall quality of life for citizens of Fort Worth, Tarrant County and Texas for nearly four decades.



Professionally, Bill began his career the mid-1970s after graduating from Southwestern University with a BA in history and studying further at Harlaxton Institute in Grantham, England. Returning to his native Fort Worth, he immediately went to work for The Rigg Group, Inc., a financial services and brokerage holding company. He held executive positions with the Wm. Rigg Co. Insurance division until the company's sale to Hub International in 2007. He was executive vice president and a part of The Rigg Group executive committee for nearly 30 years. He's currently Chairman Emeritus for Hub International Insurance Services.

Bill has also been an active board member of Summit Bancshares Inc. and its affiliates, with executive committee involvement from 1984 through 2006 when SBI was sold to Cullen Frost; he then served as an advisory board member for Frost for several years. Bill is also a member of or formerly has served on the boards of Liberty Bancshares, Inc.; First Choice Power, Inc./Texas New Mexico Power, and Integrated Transfer Systems, among others.

Bill's public involvement is wide-ranging, from current service on the board of DFW International Airport and the North Texas High Speed Rail Commission (for whom he is chairman) to former positions with the Texas Transportation Commission and board service for the Texas Water Development Board. He was elected to the Fort Worth City Council for four terms and served as mayor pro-tem during part of his tenure, worked for the board of the North Texas Tollway Authority as vice-chair, was a member of the planning group for Region C Water Planning, and was involved in committee service for advisory board at the airport and for the Tarrant Regional Water District. Bill was vice-chair of the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Board, as well. He has been a tireless, involved member of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo board and Southwestern University's board of trustees.

As president of Fort Worth Country Day School's board of trustees, he headed their executive leadership search committee. He energetically accomplished a similar task to identify a new executive director for the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. He's taken opportunities to lead efforts for or contribute to work by the United Way for Metropolitan Tarrant County, Streams and Valleys Inc., the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Endowment Committee, the Hatton Sumners Foundation board of directors and the board of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, too.

The recipient of numerous awards, including Fort Worth's Outstanding Citizen in 2009 (Golden Deeds awardee) and an award for outstanding community service from the YMCA of

Metropolitan Tarrant County, Bill and his wife, Pati, an attorney, maintain active involvement in numerous service projects for their community. Pati and Bill have two adult children who, with their spouses, also live in Fort Worth.

When time allows, Bill's an avid outdoorsman, enjoys travels to many continents and is a dedicated student of the Spanish language. His ability to communicate complex issues in understandable terms and his capacity to connect people and influence lives and careers has inspired individuals from all walks of life.



Jeff Moseley, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Jeff Moseley is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Gov. Rick Perry appointed

him in June 2012.

Prior to his appointment, Moseley was chief executive officer of the Greater Houston Partnership. During seven years in this role, he worked on numerous regional transportation policy efforts and partnered with transportation stakeholders such as the Gulf Coast Regional Mobility Partners and the I-69 Corridor Coalition.

He previously served as director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. Between 1991 and 1999, Moseley served as Denton County Judge. During that time, he was a member of the metropolitan planning organization for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, supported the passage of two mobility bond campaigns, organized the I-35 Corridor Coalition and was involved in the creation of the North Texas Tollway Authority.

Moseley is a partner in Griffith Moseley Johnson and Associates, which provides economic development and site selection consulting. A sixth-generation Texan, he and his wife, Jackie, have two daughters, Joi and Jenni. Moseley received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma.



Elon Musk Co-Founder, CEO, and Product Architect

Elon Musk is the CEO and Product Architect of Tesla Motors and the CEO and Chief Designer of Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX). At Tesla, Elon has overseen product

development and design from the beginning, including the



all-electric Tesla Roadster, Model S and Model X. Transitioning to a sustainable energy economy, in which electric vehicles play a pivotal role, has been one of his central interests for almost two decades, stemming from his time as a physics student working on ultracapacitors in Silicon Valley.

At SpaceX, Elon is the chief designer, overseeing development of rockets and spacecraft for missions to Earth orbit and ultimately to other planets. In 2008, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft won the NASA contract to provide a commercial replacement for the cargo transport function of the Space Shuttle, which retired in 2011. The SpaceX Falcon 1 was the first privately developed liquid fuel rocket to reach orbit. In 2010, SpaceX became the first commercial company to successfully recover a spacecraft from Earth orbit with its Dragon spacecraft. In 2012, SpaceX became the first commercial company to dock with the International Space Station and return cargo to Earth with the Dragon.

In addition, Elon is the non-executive chairman and principal shareholder of SolarCity, which he helped create. SolarCity is now the leading provider of solar power systems in the United States. Prior to SpaceX, Elon co-founded PayPal, the world's leading Internet payment system, and served as the company's Chairman and CEO. Before PayPal, Mr. Musk co-founded Zip2, a provider of Internet software to the media industry. He has a physics degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a business degree from Wharton.



The Honorable Robert Nichols, State Senator, Texas

First elected to the Texas Senate in 2006, Robert Nichols represents 19 counties including the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County. In the Texas Senate, Nichols serves

as Chairman for both the Transportation Committee and the Select Committee on Transportation Funding. He is also the Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He serves on the Senate Finance, Health and Human Services, Natural Resources and State Affairs Committees. He is a member of the Legislative Audit Committee and a former Vice Chairman of the Sunset Advisory Committee. During his four sessions as a state senator, Nichols authored and passed legislation to protect landowners' rights, increase educational opportunities in East Texas and reform transportation policies. He has worked to reduce Medicaid fraud, and promote free-market principles. During his time with the Sunset Advisory Committee, he was able to help eliminate six state agencies which saved the tax payers \$161.9 million. He has been named a 'Champion for Children' by the Equity Center, a 'Courageous

Conservative' by the Texas Conservative Coalition, a 'Friend of County Government' by the Texas Association of Counties and a 'Champion of Free Enterprise' by the Texas Association of Business. Before running for Senate, Nichols served as transportation commissioner for eight years where he established a reputation for increasing efficiency without compromising quality. Nichols is a businessman from Jacksonville, Texas. In his hometown he served on city council, was elected mayor, built four successful manufacturing facilities, earned 32 U.S. patents, 128 foreign patents, and created more than 900 jobs for East Texas families. Working his way through college by selling fireworks and ironing clothes for other students, Nichols earned a bachelor's degree from Lamar University in 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and they are the proud parents of three children: Brittney, Joshua, and Collynn'rae. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.



Lloyd Potter, Ph.D., State Demographer, State of Texas

Dr. Potter was appointed as the Texas State Demographer in June of 2010 by Governor Rick Perry. He is Professor of Demography at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)

where he serves as Director of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research and the Texas State Data Center.

Dr. Potter holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University, a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, a Ph.D. in demography and sociology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University. His current work focuses upon understanding and communicating demographic processes in Texas, training doctoral level applied demographers in the areas of public policy and health, and conducting demographic research on public policy and health related topics.



P. Michael Reininger, President and Chief Development Officer, All Aboard Florida

As President of All Aboard Florida, P. Michael Reininger is responsible for delivering the project's built environment, including the rail infrastructure, stations and transit-oriented

real estate development, and developing all the operational functions, including the brand and customer service experience.

Prior to joining All Aboard Florida in 2012, Mr. Reininger



was managing partner for the Union Station Neighborhood Company in Denver, Colo. He also managed the development of several major projects during a 12-year tenure with subsidiaries of The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Vacation Club, Disneyland Paris and Disney Cruise Line. Mr. Reininger previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer for AECOM and Senior Vice President of Creative Services and Corporate Marketing for the St. Joe Company.

Mr. Reininger holds a Bachelor of Architecture, Design Specialization from Texas Tech University and executive certifications in resort and hotel master planning, financial engineering and business management from Harvard University School of Design, Harvard Business School and Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



Dan Richard, Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Dan Richard was appointed to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in August 2011 and was elected Chairman of the Board by his

colleagues in February 2012.

Richard has been the Principal of Dan Richard Advisors since 2010. He was previously Managing Partner of Heritage Oak Capital Partners from 2007 to 2009 and a Senior Vice President at Pacific Gas and Electric Company from 1997 to 2006.

Richard was an elected member of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) from 1992 to 2004, where he served twice as president of the Board. At BART, Richard led efforts to secure \$4 billion for rehabilitation projects, the system's expansion to the San Francisco Airport, and seismic retrofitting.

Richard received his Juris Doctor degree from McGeorge School of Law.



Evan Smith, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune

Evan Smith is the Editor-in-Chief, CEO and co-founder of The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan digital news organization recently called "one of the nonprofit news sector's

runaway success stories." The Tribune's deep coverage of Texas politics and public policy can be found at its website, texastribune.org, in newspapers and on TV and radio stations across the state, and in the print and online editions of the Washington Post.

Since its launch in 2009, the Tribune has won international acclaim and numerous honors, including nine Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association. Previously Evan spent nearly 18 years at Texas Monthly, including eight years as Editor and a year as President and Editor-in-Chief.



Rob Spillar, P.E., Director of Transportation, City of Austin

Robert Spillar, P.E. is the City of Austin Transportation Director. As the lead transportation professional for the City of Austin, he is responsible for the City's multimodal trans-

portation portfolio, including transportation planning, traffic engineering and operations, parking enterprise, right-of-way permitting, special events management, and more. Under his leadership as the Transportation Director, he has developed numerous regional partnerships to improve the transportation system conditions not just in Austin, but in Central Texas. These partnerships have resulted in projects including the completion of the Ben White/Loop 1 interchange using pass through financing, interim improvements to the Oak Hill "Y" employing innovative intersection design, modernization of parking operations with a complete new system, and a renewed energy and focus on the I-35 corridor through Central Texas.

Prior to the City of Austin, Spillar served as Vice President with Parsons Brinckerhoff and as the Director of Traffic Management for the City of Seattle. Robert holds a Bachelor and Masters of Civil Engineering from the Universities of Texas and Washington respectively.



The Honorable Todd Staples, President, Texas Oil & Gas Association

Todd Staples is the President of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, the state's oldest and largest trade association representing every facet of the oil and gas industry, including

small independents, major producers, pipelines and refineries. Staples was twice elected statewide to serve as the Texas Agriculture Commissioner and is the author of Broken Borders, Broken Promises, a book that details our nation's border and immigration challenges and provides a bold path forward. He served with distinction as a member of the Texas Senate and House and began his elected service on the city council in his hometown of Palestine. As a successful businessman and rancher, he was deeply involved in volunteer service for his local church, community and state. Today, Staples continues his passion to help make the Lone Star State the best place to do business and raise a family.





Fred Underwood, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Fred Underwood is a commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. Underwood

was appointed commissioner by Gov. Rick Perry on January 8, 2007.

Underwood is president of the Trinity Company, a cotton bale storage facility. He serves as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Cotton Warehouse Association, where he previously served as president. He is both past vice president and past director of the National Cotton Council.

Underwood also previously served as chairman of Lubbock International Airport Board and as a board member of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Underwood received a bachelor's degree in management from Texas Tech University.



Victor T. Vandergriff, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

Victor T. Vandergriff is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed commis-

sioner by Gov. Rick Perry on March 26, 2013, and took his seat on the commission on April 30, 2013.

Vandergriff is an attorney and private businessman specializing in business development and legislative issues.

From 2009 to 2013, Vandergriff served as the chairman of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board. He was also a board member for the North Texas Tollway Authority from 2007 to 2013 and served as chairman from 2010 to 2011.

Vandergriff formerly served as Vice President of V.T., Inc. and Automotive Investment Group, the largest private retail automotive group in the United States. He was involved as an owner, dealer and executive manager in the automobile industry for more than 25 years. Vandergriff and his family have owned and operated automobile dealerships for more than 80 years in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Vandergriff attended the University of Southern California, where he received a degree from the School of Public Administration in Public Affairs. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.



Mark Worman, Manager, Personal and Commercial Lines, Form Filings Program, Texas Department of Insurance

Mark became the Manager of the Personal and Commercial Lines Form Filings Program in October of 2012. At TDI, he has managed the

Commercial Lines Program, handled special projects for the Property and Casualty Group, served as Assistant Director of Title Examinations, and worked as Examinations Coordinator in the Title Examinations Division.

Prior to joining TDI in 1996, Mark was a licensed insurance broker in California and served as an accounting and operations manager for Alexander & Alexander of California and with Jardine Insurance Brokers in their San Francisco offices.

Mark is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in management and minors in accounting and business analysis.



Russell Zapalac, P.E., Chief Planning/ Project Officer, Texas Department of Transportation

Russell Zapalac serves as the Chief Planning and Project Officer.

His duties include oversight of TxDOT planning, environmental, rail, transit and maritime activities, as well as leading TxDOT's \$27 billion alternate delivery and public-private partnership program.

Throughout his nearly 30-year career, Zapalac has always worked with large highway, rail and transit projects. He served as senior vice president and director of transportation for HDR, where he managed the 17-state central region and led 500 professionals. He served as the program manager for TxDOT's SH 130: Segments 1-4 project. He also worked for the Transportation Corridor Agencies in Orange County, Calif. as the director of Design and Construction where he oversaw a 67-mile, \$5 billion tollway program created with design-build contracts.

Zapalac is on the board of directors for the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, serves on the Transportation Transformation Group's Executive Committee and is the American Road and Transportation Builders Association's 2014 public sector entrepreneur of the year.